

The Rush County Board of Commissioners met in regular session, Monday, July 1, 2013 with Commissioners, Mark Bacon, Ken Masters, Mary Ann Beard, Auditor, and Leigh Morning, County Attorney in attendance. Bruce Levi was absent.

Commissioner Ken Masters called the meeting to order. Mark Bacon made the motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of June 17, 2013 as presented. Ken Masters seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### **AREA PLAN PUBLIC MEETING**

A public meeting was conducted at the request of the Rush County Area Plan Commission to amend text of the Rush County Zoning Ordinance. Under Schedule of Uses, the change would read "Cemeteries from permitted in A-2 to special exception in A-2 and; Cemeteries from prohibited in A-3 to permitted in A-3. Hearing no remarks from the audience, Mark Bacon moved to give the petition a favorable recommendation. Ken Masters seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Katherine Meyer also had a request for changes to the Zoning Ordinance regarding Wind Energy Conversion Systems and Reference Corrections. The meeting was scheduled for July 15, 2013 at 9:05 a.m. on a motion by Mark Bacon and seconded by Ken Masters.

### **SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION**

Peggy Cenova representing the Small Business Administration explained the services offered by her organization and their desire to expand their presence in Rushville. She was seeking \$5,000 in funds of which she has received a pledge from the city for \$1,500. Commissioner Masters stated that the board has been working on the budget and it would be difficult to find an additional \$3,500 at this time. Mark Bacon moved to table the request for more information. Ken Masters seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### **BLUE RIVER COMMUNITY HARVEST**

Kathy Gibson requested the assistance of the Rush County Sheriff's Department for the third annual Summer Fest 5K walk/run/bike sponsored by the Blue River Community Harvest, Inc. The event will take place August 3<sup>rd</sup> at 8:00a.m. Mark Bacon moved to approve. Ken Masters seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

### **ECDC**

John Mc Cane was present to inform the Commissioners that the failed regional organization, EIDD was being resurrected. The North Industrial Park is waiting for funds to arrive. A coalition is being formed throughout the county in support of the Brownfield's Assessment Grant from the EPA.

## **HEALTH DEPARTMENT**

Terri Nigh reported that Jane Carter has resigned from the health department. The Board of Health's replacement is Tai Morrell. Mark Bacon moved to approve. Ken Masters seconded the motion. Motion carried.

## **ANDERSON TOWNSHIP EMS**

Nick White fire chief of Anderson Township Fire Department who provides EMS services for southern Rush County was present to answer any questions the commissioners had about the service.

## **EMA**

EMA director Chuck Kemker requested the approval of the commissioners for the Rush County Emergency Management Performance Grant. This is a salary reimbursement grant. Mark Bacon moved to sign the compliance form. Ken Masters seconded the motion. Motion carried.

## **SHERIFF**

Sheriff Jeff Sherwood submitted the inmate report with 45 detainees, of which 2 have been sentenced. Sherwood stated that the lock system has not been installed due to other problems found. The sheriff also notes that the next pay will have overtime hours due to time spent patrolling the fair.

## **COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS**

Ashley Stevens, Community Corrections director presented a contract for detention equipment from Emerge. This company was selected not only for its low bid but they require no minimum number of detector sets. Mark Bacon moved to sign the contract with Ken Masters seconding the motion. Motion carried.

A memo of understanding for the ownership of a new auto between the Commissioners and Community Corrections has been drafted. A Jeep Compass has been selected from Rushville Chrysler Jeep. The vehicle is for use in the office of Community Corrections not a take home car. A motion to allow the car was offered by Mark Bacon. Ken Masters seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Ms. Stevens submitted the name of Jacob Kolb as the new Community Supervision Manager. Mr. Kolb was one of seven candidates and is well versed with a criminal justice background. Mark Bacon moved to approve the hire. Ken Masters seconded the motion. Motion carried.

## **SALARY RECOMMENDATION**

According to State statute, at the first meeting in July the Commissioners are to make a recommendation to the County Council for the salaries for the following year's budget. Auditor Mary Ann Beard presented Budget forms 144, Statement of Salaries and Wages as presented by each county office. These forms reflected a request for a 3% increase. The Commissioners recommended that same increase of 3% on a motion by Mark Bacon and a second offered by Ken Masters. Motion carried.

## **ICAP**

The Interlocal Community Action Program, Inc. (ICAP) sent a letter informing the Commissioners that they intend to apply for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG-D) funds to rehabilitate approximately 20 homes in Rush, Henry, and Hancock Counties. Mark Bacon moved to approve and support the initiative for the CDBG-D funds. Ken Masters seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

## **GILLIAM'S JANITORIAL**

Due to the need for Toby Gilliam to re-seed the courthouse lawn after applying a grass killing chemical, the yard has been watered with the county's water supply. The water bill for the month of June was \$713.46 or \$449.93 more than the bill for May. Mark Bacon moved to send a bill for the difference to Gilliam's Janitorial Service. Ken Masters seconded the motion. Motion carried.

## **AUDITOR**

- Presented a Workman's Comp Report of Losses statement from Bituminous.
- Reviewed the Raleigh run report.
- Claims were approved by a motion from Mark Bacon and seconded by Ken Masters.
- Commissioner Bacon moved to pay payroll. Ken Masters seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Motion to adjourn was received from Mark Bacon. Ken Masters seconded the motion. Motion carried.

/s/ Bruce Levi  
Bruce Levi, Chairman

/s/ Mark Bacon  
Mark Bacon

/s/ Ken Masters  
Ken Masters

ATTEST:

/s/ Mary Ann Beard  
Mary Ann Beard, Auditor